

3 Environmental Analysis, Consequences, and Mitigation

The purpose of this chapter is to describe existing environmental baseline conditions in the areas that would be affected by the Build Alternative Options and the No Build Alternative, evaluate potential environmental effects or impacts associated with the No Build Alternative and with constructing and operating the Build Alternative Options, and present potential Tier 1/Program EIS/EIR mitigation strategies to avoid or reduce those effects or impacts under a Tier 2/Project-level analysis.

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